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PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1962.

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I. STAFFING

Mr. Robert McI. Robinson was appointed to the additional post of Labour Inspector with effect from 1st July, 1962. The Department now has two Labour Inspectors.

II. LEGISLATION

No labour legislation was enacted during the quarter.

III. COST OF LIVING

The revised cost of living index figure which was 120 at the end of the last quarter rose to 121 in July. However, the average level of prices showed no further change during the quarter and the index figure of 121 remained unchanged.

The details of the prices of some of the items used in the index are set out below:-

Commodity	Quantity	Price	Commodity	Quantity	Price
(a) Food - 121.3					
Rice	lb	14¢	Flour	lb	11¢
Breadfruit	each	1¢	Cornflour	lb	17¢
Sugar unref.C.	lb	17¢	Margarine	lb	64¢
dark	lb	13¢	Cooking Oil	bot.	70¢
Fresh beef	lb	75¢	Salt Fish	lb	48¢
pork	lb	75¢	Fresh Fish	lb	36¢
Dried Peas	lb	36¢	Jacks	lb	20¢
Split Peas	lb	24¢	Salt beef	lb	68¢
Sweet Potatoes	lb	10¢	Salt snouts	lb	68¢
Yams	lb	12¢	Plaintains	lb	10¢
Tannias	lb	10¢	Bluggoes	lb	4¢
Cocoa- trampled	lb	20¢	Bananas	lb	5¢
Milk - Fresh	pt	6¢	Tea-Red rose	¼lb	56¢
Bread	1½oz	2¢	Coffee	¼lb	32¢

/(b) Clothing .....

Clothing - 128.1

Article	Cost	Article	Cost
Shirts - White Dress	$3.05	Shoes- Men, Rubber	$1.95
Tailoring - Working pants	3.50	Women - Rubber	1.75
Hats - Men, Felt	4.30	Men, Leather	6.95
Cloth	2.00	Women, Leather	5.95
Ladies' Cotton Vests	.98	Shirts - Khaki	1.98
Panties	.90	Denim, per yard	.84
Brassieres	.75	Drill - Khaki, per yard	.95
Zephyr, per yard	.44	White, " "	1.11
Cotton - Print, per yard	.54	Plain taffeta " "	1.20
Plain " "	.84	Flowered Silk " "	1.68
Seersucker " "	.93	Spun Rayon " "	.95
Thread - Atlas, 150 yds	.17		

(c) Other Items

Fuel and Cleaning	-	index figure - 122.6
Drink and Tobacco	-	index figure - 106.8
Miscellaneous Goods	-	index figure - 120.8

(d) Overall index figure at the end of period - 121.08

IV EMPLOYMENT

During the quarter , the agricultural estates provided an increase of employment to their labourers over the last quarter. The labourers enjoyed employment of five days per week as compared with the three days per week obtained during the last quarter.

Government's policy of rotating employment among its road workers continued during the quarter with a slight increase of employment generally due to the advent of the rainy season.

The erection of private homes and other buildings provided employment for artisans and other related workers all over the territory.

V. WORKER MIGRATION

United Kingdom

One hundred and thirty-seven persons left the territory for the United Kingdom presumably to seek employment. This figure shows a big drop below the figure for the last quarter which was six hundred and forty-two.

The cause of the drop was due to the enactment of the Commonwealth Immigrants Act, 1962 which was effective as from 1st July, 1962. The figure for the corresponding period last year was 550.

Trinidad

Departures to Trinidad during the quarter were 3,798 while arrivals numbered 3,365. The figures for the same period last year were 3,481 and 3,671 respectively.

Details of the movements are as follows:-

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COUNTRY	DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Total	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Total
United Kingdom	11	66	60	137	12	22	50	84
U. S. A.	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	5
Trinidad	993	1831	974	3798	797	1255	1313	3365
Aruba & Curacao	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Other Countries	503	892	490	1885	920	552	457	1929
GRAND TOTAL	1507	2790	1524	5821	1729	1834	1820	5380

VI. WAGES

An Agreement signed between the Technical and Allied Workers' Union and Geo. F. Huggins & Co. (Gda.) Ltd. during the quarter provided for the following increases in wages:-

Airport attendants -
Those in receipt of $16.00 per week - $22.00 per week
" " " " $15.00 per week - $21.00 per week
" " " " $14.00 per week - $20.00 per week

All Airlines clerical employees in the bargaining unit - Present salary plus 7½% commencing 1st July, 1962.

Clerical Personnel - Airport - Present salary plus an additional 10% airport hardship allowance for all time spent on duty at Pearls including travel time in transit

VII. INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

(a) Grenada Shipping Agents and the Grenada Seamen & Waterfront Workers' Union

It was stated in the report for last quarter that the Seamen and Waterfront Workers' Union called a sympathy strike on the Federal Maple in support of the Technical and Allied Workers' Union in their dispute with one of the Shipping Agents, Geo. F. Huggins & Co.(Gda.) Ltd., As a consequence, on 1st July, the Shipping Agents refused to allow the Union to work their ships

On the 3rd July, after a lengthy meeting under the Chairmanship of the Labour Commissioner, the parties agreed to call off the strike and end the lock out in the port.

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(b) Geo. F. Huggins & Co. (Gda) Ltd. and the Technical & Allied Workers' Union

The strike which was called by the above named Union during the last quarter came to an end on the 4th of July when both parties agreed to the terms of an Agreement.

Among other things the Agreement provided forthe following - Union Recognition and Security, which includes the check off system; lump sum or sum compensation, increased wages; hours of work and premium pay, annual vacation and covenants against reprisals.

(c) Grenada Brewer ies Ltd. and the Grenada Manual and Mental Workers' Union.

Negotiations between the above named parties on a proposed draft agreement commenced during the quarter.

One meeting was held under my chairmanship. At the end of the quarter, one item - wages, was still in dispute.

(d) Agents of Tourists Boats and the St. George's and St. Andrew's Taxi Drivers' Unions.

Negotiations between the abovenamed parties on a proposed draft agreement with regard to the operation of shore excursions cruises organised by the Shipping Agents continued throughout the quarter.

(e) Cape International Ltd. and the Grenada Manual & Mental Workers' Union

On 14th August, 1962, the above named union put their workers on strike where they were engaged by Cape International Ltd. on the construction of a beach hotel.

The Union alleged that their member workers were intimidated by the Company.

The strike lasted 21 days during which time several meetings were held under the chairmanship of the Labour Commissioner. Fifty-eight workers were involved in the strike.

VIII GENERAL

(a) Repayments of loans made to ex-servicemen under the Ex-Servicemen Loans' Committee scheme amounted to $212.00 for the quarter.

(b) Mr. E. Hartley, United Kingdom Ministry of Labour official visited the territory during the quarter in connection with the United Kingdom Commonwealth Immigrants Act. (Employment Voucher).

LABOUR COMMISSIONER.

APPENDIX I

REPORT ON LABOUR SITUATION - PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1962 - TERRITORY: Grenada, W.I.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES INVOLVING STOPPAGES OF WORK

INDUSTRY	No. of Workers Involved		Stoppage of Work		Duration of Strike	Man Days Lost	Cause	Terms of Settlement
	Directly	Indirectly	Began	Ended				
Commerce	28	-	1.7.62	3.7.62.	3 days	Because of the nature of the work no man days are considered lost	Sympathy strike called by Union	Resumption of work negotiated between both parties
Commerce	12	-	11.6.62	4.7.62.	24 days	-	Dead lock in negotiating an agreement	Signing of Agreement
Construction	58	-	14.8.62.	3.9.62	21 days	1,218	Alleged intimidation of workers by the Company	Workers returned to work.

APPENDIX I

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES INVOLVING LOSS OF WORK

APPENDIX II

QUARTERLY REPORT ON LABOUR SITUATION - PERIOD ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1962 - TERRITORY: Grenada, W.I.

WAGE RATES DETERMINED BY UNION/EMPLOYER NEGOTIATIONS AND AWARDS DURING QUARTER

(Industries other than Sugar Factories and Field Work, Agriculture, Waterfront, Building and Transport)

INDUSTRY AND EMPLOYERS	EMPLOYEE CLASSIFICATION	NEW WAGE RATES	IMPORTANT ANCILLARY BENEFITS	HOW WAGE DETERMINED (Negotiation or Arbitration Award
B.W.I.A. Geo. F. Huggins & Co. (Gda.) Ltd.	Attendants	$20.00 to $22.00 per week	-	Negotiation
	Clerks	7½% increase		